



# COMMUNITY NEWS

**District 2**

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## Vehicle Theft Prevention And Awareness Day By Officer Jason Glenn

In an effort to increase awareness and education about auto thefts in Arizona, law enforcement agencies throughout the State are coordinating their efforts in a one-day celebration of crime prevention. On **March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006**, Governor Janet Napolitano will sign a Proclamation designating the day as "Vehicle Theft Prevention and Awareness Day." Participating agencies throughout the State will host auto theft prevention events.

The Scottsdale Police Department is teaming up with Target to provide "FREE" V.I.N. Etching for your motor vehicle, distribute literature with tips on how to prevent auto-thefts, and display several locking devices you can utilize to safeguard your motor vehicle. The event will take place on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Target is located at 15444 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard (next to the 101 freeway). The event will be in the west parking lot.

V.I.N. etching is a process whereby the vehicle identification number or VIN, is acid etched onto each window of a vehicle. This process marks a vehicle with its own set of "fingerprints" which is a deterrent for criminals to steal your vehicle. "Chop Shops" are only interested in selling untraceable vehicles and their

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## From The Desk Of Commander Burl Haenel

Each year the Scottsdale Police Department has an awards banquet identifying those employees who have gone above and beyond what is expected of them. This year was no different. Congratulations to all those who were nominated for the "*Chief's Awards of Excellence*." I am especially proud to be associated with such outstanding employees. District Two was well represented at the celebration and took home several of the awards. Ann Santiago was awarded Officer of the Year. Kristi Larsen was awarded Trainer of the Year and Bonnie Cross was co-winner of Police Aide of the year. A sincere special congratulation to all the winners!

Even though we have outstanding employees working at the Police Department and the City as a whole, we still need the community's help to fight crime. Please be cognizant that criminals look for crimes of opportunity. Please help us and yourselves by keeping your doors locked, garage doors closed and items of value in vehicles out of plain view and/or locked away. Let's not make it easy for us to become another senseless statistic in becoming a victim.

Sincerely,

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parts. Etching takes that profit away and a thief will typically bypass etched vehicles and attempt to steal vehicles that have not been etched instead.

In addition to the vehicle VIN etching and auto theft awareness initiative the Scottsdale Fire Department will install and inspect child safety seats. Approximately 80% of safety seats are used incorrectly. These errors could result in the child not being fully protected in a crash, increasing the risk of injuries or death.

## Watch Your Car



The Watch Your Car decal program is a free, voluntary program where vehicle owners enroll their vehicles with the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority. The vehicle is then entered into the Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) database and participants receive decals for their front and rear windows.

By displaying the decals, vehicle owners are telling law enforcement that they don't usually use their vehicle between the hours of 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM, when the majority of auto thefts occur. If a police officer sees the vehicle in operation between these hours, the owner gives the police permission to stop the vehicle and verify the rightful owner is legally operating it. For more information visit [www.azwatchyourcar.com](http://www.azwatchyourcar.com)

If you would like any additional information on crime prevention please contact me at (480) 312-5696 or e-mail me at [mruffennach@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:mruffennach@scottsdaleaz.gov)

## Crime Suspects Identifying Themselves As City Water Employees

The Scottsdale Police Department is investigating a series of incidents where a person or persons fraudulently identify themselves as "city water" to gain entry into a residence and take items of value. Residents are being advised to take precautions when confronted with unknown persons at their door.

The Scottsdale Water department will never ask for entry into a private home for any reason. A person or persons asking for entry into your home should never show up unannounced and should produce proper identification before being allowed in. If you are not absolutely certain of the person's identity, do not allow them in. Utility companies will normally schedule an appointment in advance, unless there is an emergency.

Residents are urged to call the police immediately if they have a suspicious person show up at their door asking for entry into their home. If you have information on these crimes, please call the Scottsdale Police Department at 480-312-5000.

## Calendar of Events

### World Baseball Classic March 5-11

Scottsdale Stadium will be one of five venues worldwide to host first-round games of the inaugural World Baseball Classic. The tournament will bring together the best players in the world to compete for their countries. For details visit [www.worldbaseballclassic.com](http://www.worldbaseballclassic.com)

## The Scottsdale Police Department Wants You!



The Scottsdale Police Department has excellent job opportunities in the following fields:

Police Officer, Police Aide, Communications, Detention Officers, Crime Lab, Records, and Crime Scene Specialists. Visit our website at [www.Scottsdalepd.com](http://www.Scottsdalepd.com) or contact Officer Greg Carlin at 480-312-5384, or e-mail: [gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov](mailto:gcarlin@scottsdaleaz.gov).